

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-13 (canceled).

14. (original) A method of feeding sliders from a supply of sliders to an area for inserting sliders onto a zipper, said method comprising the steps of:

feeding said sliders from said supply of sliders onto a sender track in response to a detected number of sliders on said sender track and

feeding said sliders from said sender track to said slider inserting area.

15. (original) The method in accordance with claim 14 wherein said sliders are fed from said sender track by a source of pressurized air.

16. (original) The method in accordance with claim 14 wherein said supply of sliders is contained in a vibratory bowl and further comprising the step of controlling the actuation of said vibratory bowl in response to a detected number of sliders.

17. (original) The method in accordance with claim 14 wherein said area for inserting sliders onto a zipper is on a slider loading rack, and further comprising the step of controlling the flow of sliders onto said slider loading rack in response to a detected number of sliders on said slider loading rack.

18. (original) The method in accordance with claim 15 further comprising a feeder tube interposed between said slider inserting area and said sender track and comprising the further step of urging said sliders through said feeder tube by pressurized air.

19. The method in accordance with claim 15 wherein said area for inserting said sliders onto a zipper is on a slider loading rack, and comprising the further step of controlling a supply of pressurized air to said sender track from said source of pressurized air in response to a detected number of sliders on said slider loading rack.

20. The method in accordance with claim 15 wherein said area for inserting said sliders onto a zipper is on a slider loading rack, and comprising the further step of controlling a supply of pressurized air to said loading rack from said source of pressurized air in response to a detected number of sliders at said area for inserting said sliders onto a zipper

21. The method in accordance with claim 14 comprising the further step of controlling the flow of sliders into said area for inserting sliders onto a zipper in response to a detected number of sliders at said area for inserting sliders onto a zipper.

22. The method in accordance with claim 15 comprising the further step of controlling a supply of pressurized air to said sender track from said source of pressurized air in response to a detected number of sliders at said area for inserting said sliders onto a zipper.